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TIPS OPEN BASKETBALL SEASON  
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## sports

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The Montana Grizzlies open their basketball season Friday night against San Jose State in San Jose, California.

The 9 p.m. MST encounter with the Spartans kicks off a three-game road trip for the Silvertips. They play Portland University's Pilots in Portland, Oregon, Friday night and Portland State in Portland Monday night.

Coach Jud Heathcote is hoping his charges will get off to a fast start, but all three of the West Coast teams have a reputation for being tough to beat on their home floors. Regardless of the outcome of the opening road trip, Heathcote is predicting that the Grizzlies will be in contention for the Big Sky title this year. Conference play does not begin until the first of the year.

Montana's starters Friday night will be forwards Larry Smedley and Tim Stambaugh, guards Robin Selvig and Ben DeMers and center Ken McKenzie. Selvig is a senior, McKenzie and Smedley are juniors, Stambaugh is a sophomore and DeMers is a freshman.

The Tips will be at home Thursday and Friday December 6 and 7 for games with Augustana and Southern Colorado State. The UM frosh team begins its season against Montana State's freshman team in the preliminary to the Augustana-Montana game.

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